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Reference is made to the "Response to Request for Information", filed July 2, 2012.

Petitioner is allowed a non-extendable period for reply of **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this communication to provide a response. The response should be titled, "Response to Request for Information." If no response is provided within the period set forth, a decision will be made solely on the merits as set forth in the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed May 17, 2012, and papers filed July 2, 2012. No additional fees are due.

The above-identified patent issued on April 25, 2000. Therefore the grace period in 35 U.S.C. § 41(b) for paying the 7.5 year maintenance fee expired at midnight on April 25, 2008. The period for paying the 11.5-year maintenance fee also passed on April 25, 2012.

Petitioner is required to address the following points:

- The "Disability Hearing Officer's Decision" from hearing date May 13, 2008, is noted. It is noted that the statement documents that psychological impairment petitioner experienced in 2001, 2002. The statement also indicates that in the years 2006 and 2007, petitioner's physical and psychological condition was stabilized. On June 13, 2008, it is noted that the Disability Hearing Officer declared that petitioner was no longer disabled. The records provided do not speak to petitioner's condition during the relevant period, which is from approximately *April 25, 2007, until the present*, demonstrating that petitioner was either mentally and/or physically incapacitated such that the failure to pay the maintenance fee was unavoidable. Petitioner must provide statements from a treating physician or other knowledge professional that demonstrates that petitioner's memory was severely diminished during the relevant period and, if relevant, petitioner psychological condition was such that the failure to pay the maintenance fees was unavoidable. Petitioner is again reminded to remove any personal identifiers, i.e., social security numbers, account numbers, etc., from the documents filed as such information may become part of the public record.

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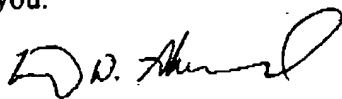
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Attn: Office of Petitions
Kenya A. McLaughlin
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

Dear Ms Kenya McLaughlin,

The reason for this response is to address the issue of whether or not I was truly stabilized during the period in question. On June 13, 2008 I went before the Disability Hearing Officer and stated to her honor that I was ok as far as the memory loss and psychological impairment I suffered for several years after February 2001 in which for this cause I was cut off of disability, leaving me with no income which caused me hardships and struggles that I had no control over because jobs was not available. After filing bankruptcy three times to save my home from foreclosure I finally received a wrongful death lawsuit reward on 11/07/2011. This allowed me to pick up with my business called I Am Enterprises in which I contracted an assistant to help me get things on track with my Sani Hands invention. My assistant at the time informed me that my patent No. 6,053,380 had expired. I immediately contacted the USPTO Commissioner for Patents office and inquired about the maintenance fees in which I paid the \$2,125.00 that I was advised to pay by the office. Ms. McLaughlin I went to the psychotic hospital I was admitted to back in February 2001 in hopes to gain a statement from a treating physician. The memory and smell of the building brought back many bad memories that caused me to leave that place promptly. Ms. McLaughlin I don't understand why I am being pressured into to re-living a mishap I wish to forget, even after I've paid my maintenance fees that your office said was required to pay in order to re-instate my patent that I paid the Society of American Inventors over \$10,000.00 to obtain. Please explain to me other steps I may or may not have to take to get my patent No. 6,053,380 re-instated. Thank you.



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